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Senator Jensen. Yes, I would like to comment. The presumptive coverage that we are talking about in this particular case, we start with the Every Woman Matters screening. That's already in force and that's the way we've been doing it, and the initial qualifications as to whether someone...someone is entitled to the screening is handled in the same fashion under...under this enhanced program as it is currently. And what we're...what we're trying to establish by the presumptive coverage is that we do not want to have a substantial delay in the treatment of these...of these women that have been diagnosed because, as we all know, a delay in that sort of thing could be life-threatening in some situations. So the purpose of the presumptive care is that if they could qualify for Every Woman Matters screening it would be presumed then, until it could later be established otherwise, it would be presumed that she is entitled to coverage for treatment also. It doesn't change the initial screening.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: And...and these are all referred to under...under the reference in the amendment. It doesn't come right out and say presumptive coverage. It just refers back to Section 1920A and 1920B, which are the ones that will provide for this coverage. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let...let me further...try to further refine that. If...I assume that the term presumptive coverage or eligibility, as you're incorporating it now, applies to the treatment of those who are found to have a problem. Moving a step ahead to the screening process, before someone is determined to have a problem, would there be a problem with having a meaningful financial screening at that point in time so that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Beutler, you're next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...so that in the event that a problem was found we know that we're dealing with the proper...the proper financial category. Would...would that be troublesome to you in any way,...